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SUBJECT: FOREIGN TRAVEL AND VISITORS

1. DURING APRESS INTERVIEW ON NOVEMBER 10, SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER KARIN SODER STATED SHE HAD ISSUED AN INVITATION TO SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO TO VISIT SWEDEN. NO SPECIFIC TIME WAS INDICATED FOR THE VISIT. MRS. SODER POINTED OUT THAT GROMYKO'S LAST VISIT TO SWEDEN WAS 12 YEARS AGO.

2. MRS. SODER ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT SHE WILL VISIT THE OTHER FOUR NORDIC COUNTRIES, BEGINNING WITH DENMARK ON NOVEMBER 15, FINLAND A WEEK LATER, NORWAY AFTER CHRISTMAS AND ICELAND IN LATE MARCH 1977. SHE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE THE FALLDIN GOVERNMENT PLACES ON NORDIC COUNTRY RELATIONSHIPS AND COOPERATION ON COMMON OBJECTIVES, USING THE SOUTERN AFIRCAN QUESTION IN THE UN AS AN EXAMPLE OF SUCH COOPERATION.

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3. ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SITEHE MWALE COMPLETED A FOUR-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO SWEDEN ON NOVEMBER 11. TALKS FOCUSED ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN QUESTIONS AND CONTINUED SWEDISH ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR ZAMBIA. AT FOREIGN MINISTER SODER'S RECEPTION FOR MWALE NOV. 10, AMBASSADOR SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH MWALE, WHO EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION AT SEEING THE SECRETARY IN NEW YORK. AMBASSADOR SPOKE OF IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO GENEVA TALKS AND OUR HOPE FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO RHODESIA'S PROBLEMS; MWALE EXPRESSED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THESE THOUGHTS.

4. ROMANIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTRE VASILIJ GLIGA COMPLETED A THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO SWEDEN, THUS RETURNING A VISIT TO BUDAPEST MADE LAST YEAR BY FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER SVEN ANDERSSON. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE PLANNED VISIT TO STOCKHOLM LAST MAY BY ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GHEORGE MACOVESCU WAS CANCELLED BY THE LATTER TO INDICATE ROMANIAN DISPLEASURE OVER SWEDISH INSISTENCE ON DISCUSSING ISSUE OF REUNIFICATION OF DIVIDED FAMILIES, IN CONTEXT OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT.
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